

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the Office Action dated December 8, 2004 is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 69-73, and 75-88 are currently pending this application. Claims 75-88 are new.

The applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's double-patenting rejection. The applicants believe that the claims are not obvious in view of the parent application. Nevertheless, a terminal disclaimer is submitted for the sole purpose of expediting the issue of a patent.

The applicant respectfully asserts that claims 75-78 depend from independent claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reason as claim 1. The applicant further asserts that independent claim 79 is allowable for reasons similar to that of claims 1 and 69. New claims 80-88, which depend from claim 79, are allowable for depending from an allowable base claim.

A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. Should the Examiner find that a telephone or in-person conference would expedite the prosecution of this Application further, he is invited to contact the Applicants' counsel at the contact listed below for such a conference.

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